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1. AMBASSADOR DALE HANDED AMBASSADOR ENE US RE-DRAFT
CONTAINED PARA. 7 GENEVA 1716 WITH ADDITION OF WORDS
"SOVEREIGN AND EQUAL" TO THIRD PREAMBULAR
PARAGRAPH. HE INFORMED AMBASSADOR ENE THAT THE US
WELCOMED THE ROMANIAN INITIATIVE AND THAT WE AGREED
WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH IS
DESIGNED TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO ECE.

2. AMBASSADOR DALE ADDED THAT OUR COMMENTS ARE GIVEN
IN A SPIRIT OF HELPFULNESS AND NOT AS A COUNTER-
PROPOSAL TO THE ROMANIAN DRAFT. WE HAD MADE CERTAIN
STYLISTIC CHANGES WHICH WE HOPED WOULD STYLHEN
THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE TEXT. WE HAD MADE ONLY
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TWO SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS: (1) TO CAST THE ECE ROLE IN

MORE PRECISE AND MODEST TERMS AND (2) TO FOCUS ON EUROPEAN REGIONAL PROBLEMS.

3. AMBASSADOR ENE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EARLY US COMMENTS WHICH WERE FIRST HE HAD RECEIVED. HE SAID THAT PRELIMINARY REACTION OF THE NINE WAS POSITIVE BUT IMPLIED THAT THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE EAST. HE MADE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

A. IT WOULD BE WISE TO AVOID DIRECT REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 5(XIV) ON PRIORITIES BECAUSE OF DIFFERING VIEWS AMONG MEMBERS AS TO THE NUMBER AND SUBJECT OF PRIORITIES;

B. HE WAS PLEASED THAT US DRAFT RETAINED REFERENCE TO CSCE BUT HE IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM EAST TO DROP THIS AND IS CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE REFERENCE IN THE PREAMBLE;

C. HE HOPES THAT REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION CAN BE RETAINED BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THIS POINT IS CONTROVERSIAL;

D. HE ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO "SOVEREIGN AND EQUAL MEMBER STATES" SINCE ROMANIA DOES NOT VIEW ECE IN NARROW EAST-WEST CONTEXT.

4. AMBASSADOR DALE REPLIED THAT WE HAD SUGGESTED A NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE PRECISE THE GENERAL REFERENCE IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH OF THE ROMANIAN VERSION. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN REACHING AN AGREED REFORMULATION OF THAT PARAGRAPH. CONCERNING THE REFERENCE TO CSCE, AMBASSADOR DALE SAID THAT WE WERE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE ROMANIAN POSITION SINCE WE HOPE THAT ECE WILL TAKE ON ADDED IMPORTANCE FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE ROMANIANS IN MAINTAINING THE REFERENCE TO CSCE IN THE OPERATIVE SECTION AS LONG AS THEY FELT THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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5. AMBASSADOR DALE MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE ROMANIAN VIEW CONCERNING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION BUT DID REITERATE US POSITION AGAINST DIVERTING ECE FROM REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TO PROBLEMS OF NONREGIONAL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO NUMEROUS OTHER UN BODIES.

6. AMBASSADOR DALE SAID THAT WE HAD NOT SHARED OUR COMMENTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS BUT WOULD PLAN TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE WESTERN CAUCUS.

7. COMMENT: BEFORE GIVING OUR VIEWS TO OTHER DELEGATIONS, SUGGEST WE ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIANS ON REVISED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3. WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QTE DETERMINES TO CONCENTRATE ACTIVITIES IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES END QTE.

8. IF THIS OR SIMILAR TEXT OF PARAGRAPH IS ACCEPTABLE TO ROMANIANS WE WOULD REVISE OUR TEXT AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO WESTERN DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO CAUCUS WHICH NOW SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1.

9. APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS FURTHER WITH ROMANIANS PRIOR TO MARCH 30.DALE

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